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In re application of:

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Serial No.:

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted in accordance with

37 C.F.R. 1.97, 1.98, and it is requested that the information set forth in this

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CROSS REFERENCE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.78 TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.79, Applicant notes that the above-identified patent application may be related to the following U.S. Patent Applications:

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Early and favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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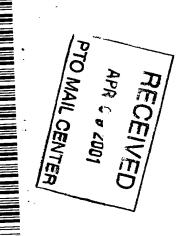
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